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IT'S YOUR
CHOICE, SPIDER-
MAN! SAVE THE
BLACK CAT--

-- OR
DEFUSE
THIS
BOMB!

EITHER
WAY...THE
ANSWER
WINS!

MILGROM



A HOT TIME IN THE OLD MORGUE TONIGHT!



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WHAT WAS WHAT?

I SAW SOMETHING MOVING IN THE JOHN. SOMETHING BLACK!

IS IT THAT BUMBO OF YOURS, PARKER? THE ONE I CAUGHT SNEAKING OUT OF HERE A FEW NIGHTS BACK?



YOU KNOW, THE ONE IN THE KINKY UNDERWEAR WHO LOOKED LIKE A REFUGEE FROM THAT BROADWAY SHOW, "CATS"!



I DON'T APPROVE OF THOSE KINDA SHENNANIGANS, PARKER--

YOU'VE MADE THAT QUITE CLEAR, MRS. MUGGINS. NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME...

AND DON'T FORGET I'M GOING TO WANT A RECEIPT FOR THAT MONEY! 'BYE!



COULD SHE HAVE SEEN THE BLACK CAT COMING IN THE SKYLIGHT? IT WOULDN'T BE THE FIRST TIME FELICIA HAS BURST IN ON ME UNANNOUNCED.

SOMETIMES I THINK THAT GIRL IS DETERMINED TO BLOW MY COVER!

NOPE! NOTHING IN HERE, NOTHING EXCEPT MY NEW COSTUME HANGING UP TO DRY!



HMMM... MAYBE THE WIND BLEW IT-- EXCEPT THE SKYLIGHT'S CLOSED!

OF COURSE THAT COSTUME IS CAPABLE OF INDEPENDENT MOTION, EVER SINCE I PICKED IT UP ON THAT OTHER PLANET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE BEYONDER'S WAR. I'VE BEEN WONDERING JUST WHAT MAKES IT TICK.

SO FAR IT ONLY MOVES IN RESPONSE TO MY MENTAL COMMANDS. BUT-- THERE'S SO MUCH ABOUT IT I DON'T KNOW.



I JUST HAVE TO TAKE THE SUIT OVER TO THE BAXTER BUILDING AND HAVE THE FANTASTIC FOUR'S LEADER, REED RICHARDS, EXAMINE IT FOR ME LIKE HE OFFERED TO!

HE'S GOT THE SCIENTIFIC EQUIPMENT AND THE BRAIN POWER TO GET SOME ANSWERS THAT SEEM TO BE EVADING SCIENCE WHIZ PETER PARKER.



WHILE THE WEB-SLINGER HEADS EAST, CONTEMPLATING AN UNEASY CONVERSATION BETWEEN HIMSELF AND HIS LADY LOVE--

-- A CONVERSATION ON AN ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SUBJECT IS TAKING PLACE AT THE POLICE MORGUE.

TELL ME, BO, ARE THINGS ALWAYS THIS DULL AROUND HERE?

DULL AS DISHWATER, WOODY. NOT THAT ANYONE EVER REALLY EXPECTS MUCH TO HAPPEN AT THE MORGUE.

WE HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN ANY INTERESTING STIFFS IN HERE, LATELY.

TAKE THIS GUY, FOR INSTANCE. DIED OF A HEART ATTACK. BIG DEAL.

I'VE SEEN GUYS COME THROUGH HERE--YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT THEY LOOKED LIKE.

YEAH, WELL, I SPENT TEN YEARS IN HOMICIDE. YOU CAN'T SHOW ME *NOTHIN'*! I HAVEN'T ALREADY SEEN!

OH, NO? WELL, WE *DID* GET A GUY IN HERE A COUPLE OF WEEKS BACK-- THEY STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH HIM. HE WAS A BIG UNDERWORLD TYPE. YOU'LL KNOW HIM WHEN YOU SEE HIM.

NBODY'S CLAIMED HIS BODY YET / THEY'RE NOT *ENTIRELY* SURE WHAT TO DO WITH IT!

HUH?

YEAH! I'LL SHOW HIM TO YA! BUT I'M WARNING YA, HE'S REALLY A STRANGE ONE.

BUT, FIRST, WHADDYA SAY WE BREAK FOR LUNCH?

SOUNDS GOOD TO ME. WANNA TRADE? I GOT LIVERWURST, YOU?

TUNA. NO TRADE!



MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN, IN A LUXURIOUS HOTEL SUITE...



AH, LIFE WITH MY SPIDER SURE IS WONDERFUL.

IF ONLY I COULD CONVINCE HIM TO SEE THINGS MY WAY, HE COULD GIVE UP THAT LIFE OF DRUGGERY HE LEADS AS AN ORDINARY PERSON--



--AND HE AND I COULD SPEND OUR LIVES PROWLING THE NIGHT TOGETHER.

OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS.

I COULD AFFORD TO LIVE HIGH ON THE HOG WHEN MY BURGLING WAS BRINGING IN LOTS OF MONEY. BUT NOW, I'VE SWORN TO GO STRAIGHT--

--AND MY RESOURCES ARE DWINDLING DANGEROUSLY LOW. SURELY THERE MUST BE SOME WAY THAT WE TWO EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE CAN EARN A HUGE INCOME.



BUT HOW??

OH, WELL, I'LL WORRY ABOUT THIS MUNDANE STUFF LATER. RIGHT NOW IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR MY SPIDER TO ARRIVE!

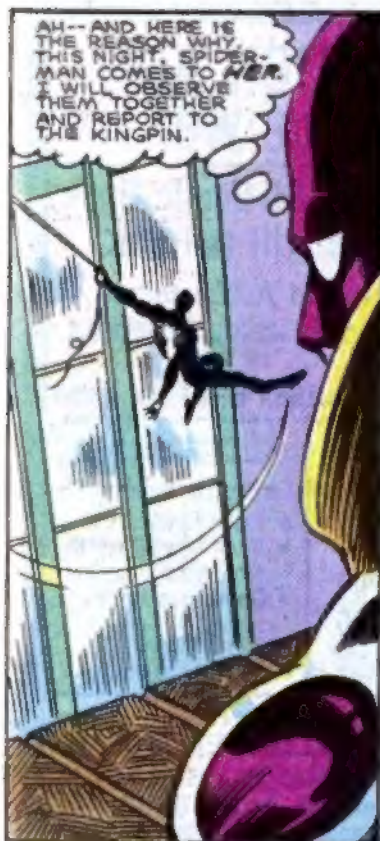


HMMM. IT APPEARS THE BLACK CAT IS NOT GOING TO VENTURE OUT.

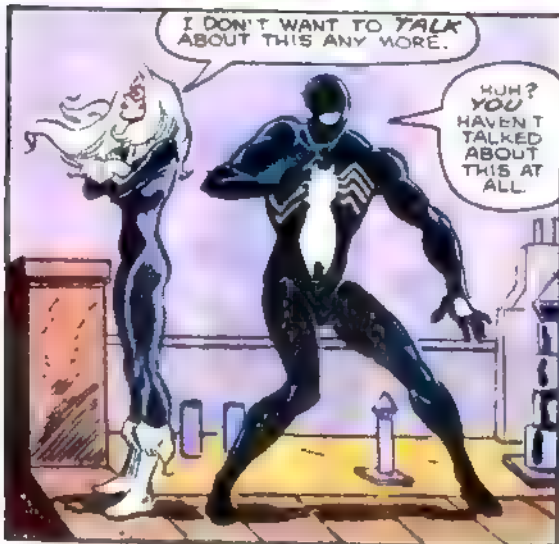
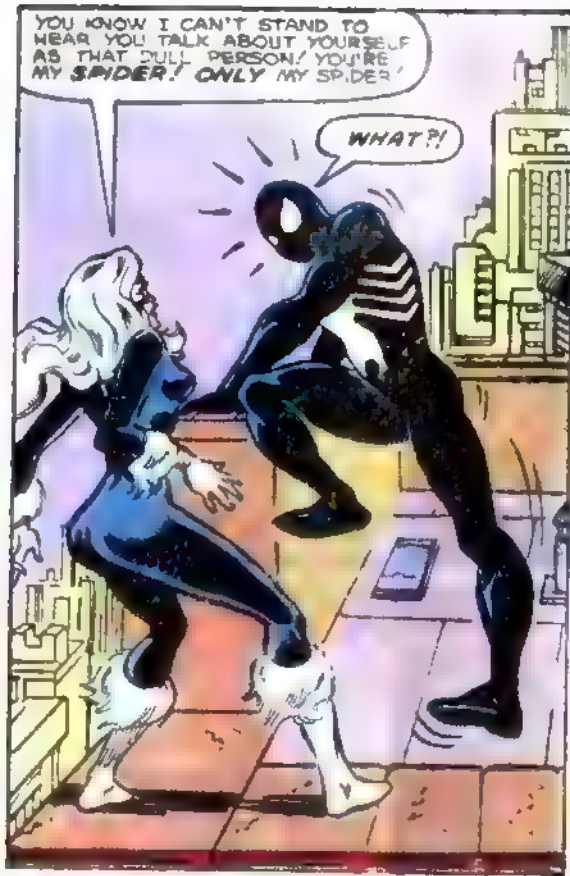
TOO BAD. I'D HOPED TO BE ABLE TO FOLLOW HER TO HER LOVER'S APARTMENT. LAST TIME I TRIED SHE JUST MANAGED TO GIVE ME THE SLIP.

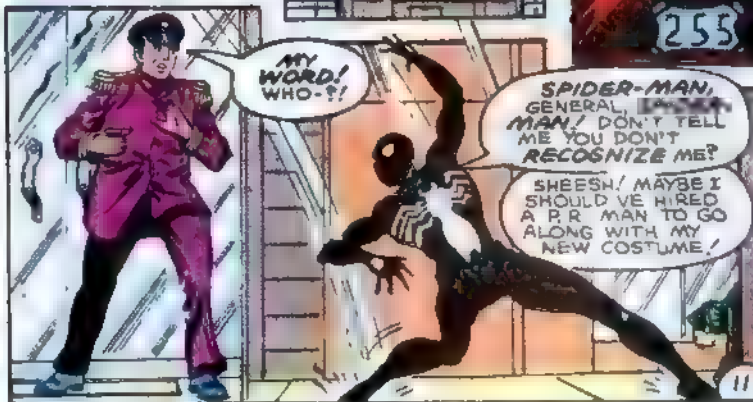
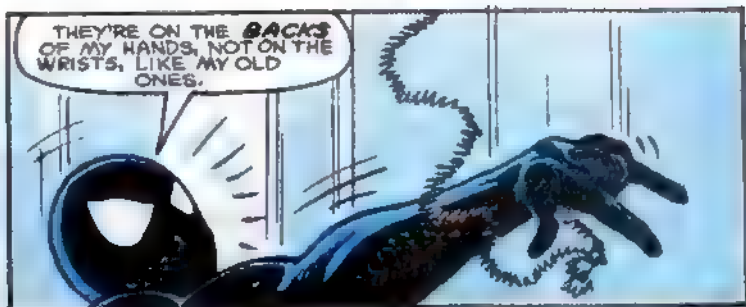
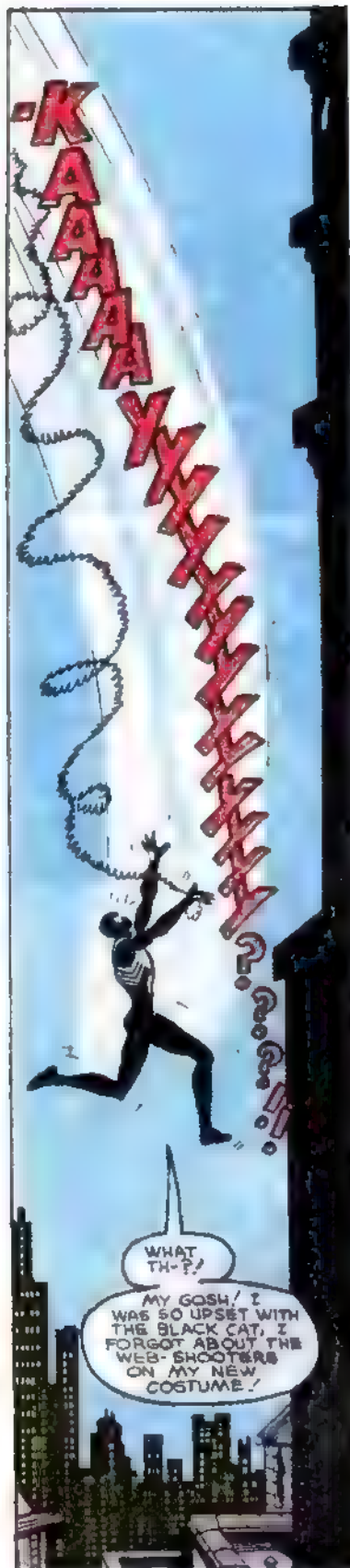


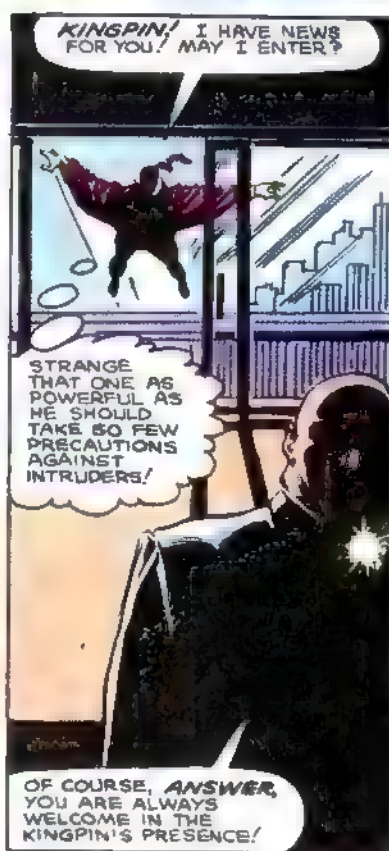
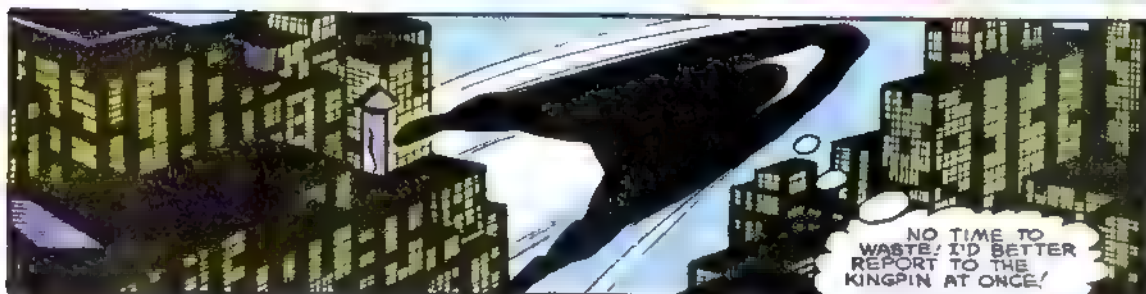
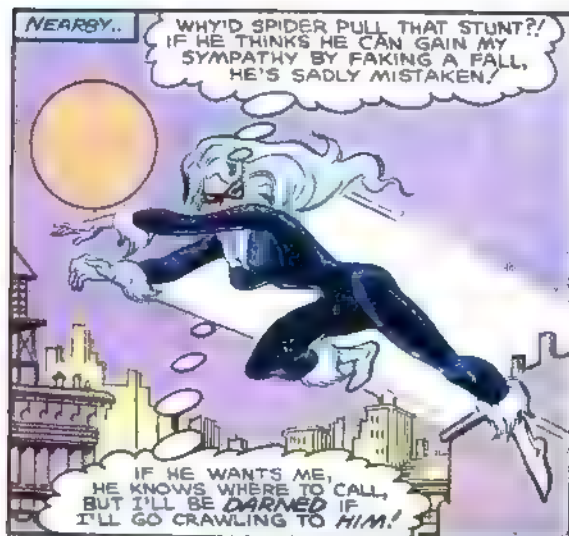
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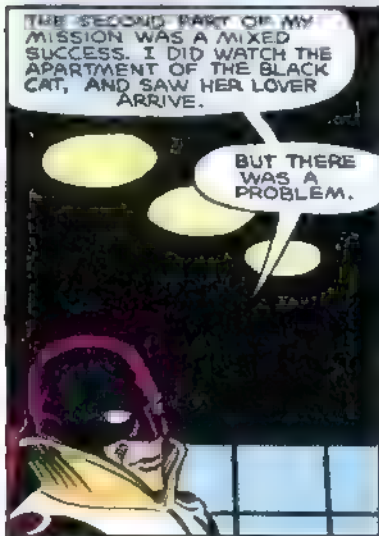
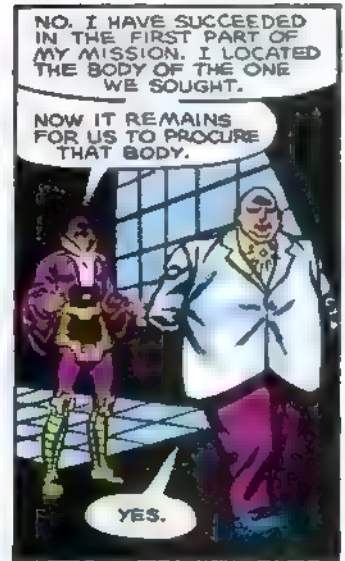
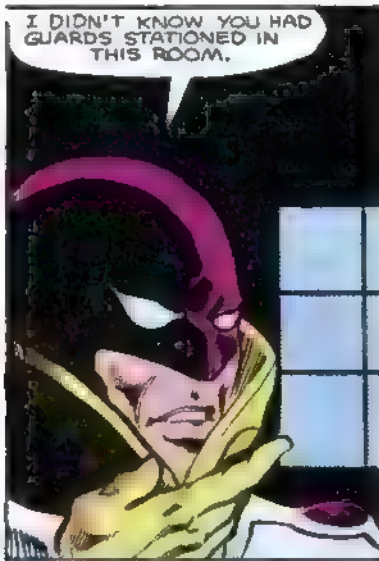


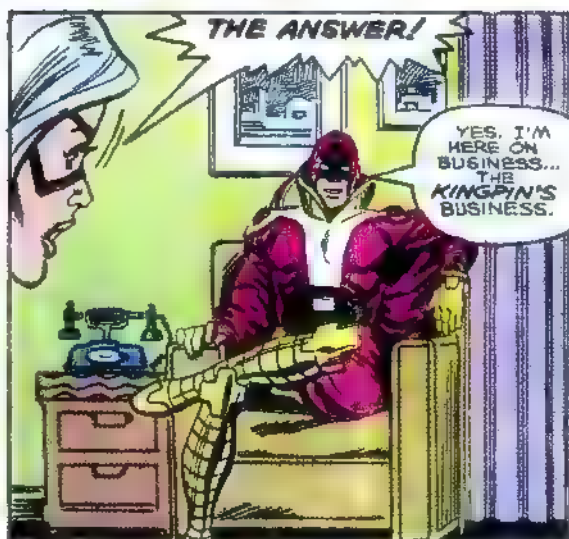
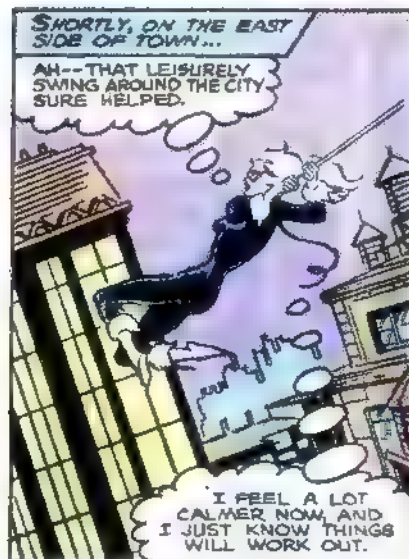












WHILE, ACROSS TOWN...

ORDINARILY A LITTLE WEB-SPINNING WOULD HELP ME CLEAR MY HEAD, BUT NOT TONIGHT.

I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN DOING THIS FOR HOURS INSTEAD OF JUST MINUTES. I'M POOPED.

IT JUST MAKES IT THAT MUCH HARDER TO GET MY TROUBLES WITH FELICIA IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE.



I DUNNO, IT NEVER SEEMS LIKE ANY OF MY FRIENDS HAVE ANY PROBLEMS LIKE THESE--BUT THEN AGAIN, HOW COULD THEY?



HARRY AND LIZ ARE HAPPY AS CAN BE. MARY JANE SEEMS TO HAVE HER HEAD ON STRAIGHT...

C'MON YOU GUYS, GET THOSE BOXES ON BOARD THE VAN!

YAH! WHAT'S THAT?

SP-SPIDER-MAN IN HIS NEW COSTUME, I SAW A PICTURE OF IT IN THE PAPER.

WE'RE DOOMED!

FLASH AND SHA SHAN ARE HAVING SOME TROUBLES, BUT I'M SURE THEY'LL WORK 'EM OUT / FLASH ALWAYS SEEMS TO COME UP SMILING.

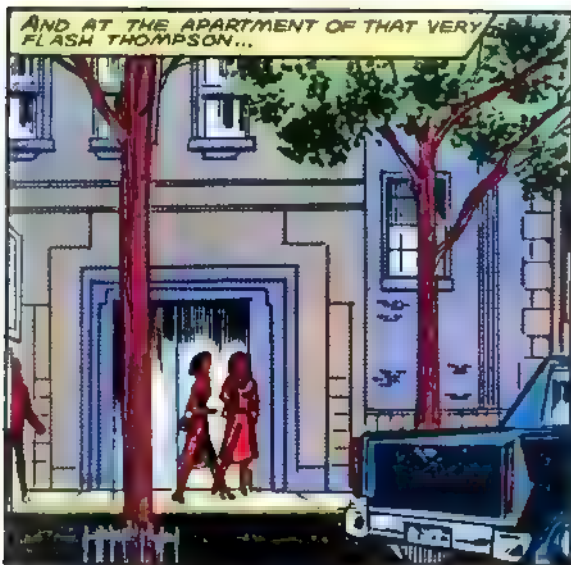
HEY, HE'S SWINGING RIGHT BY US!

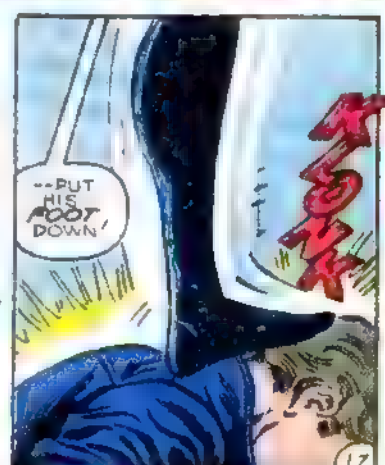
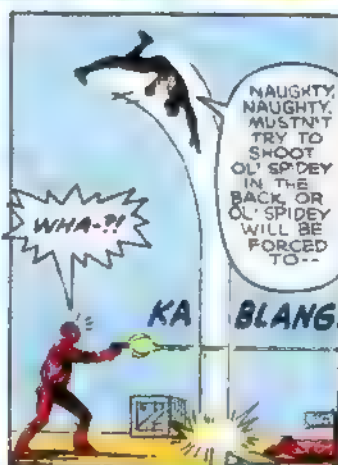
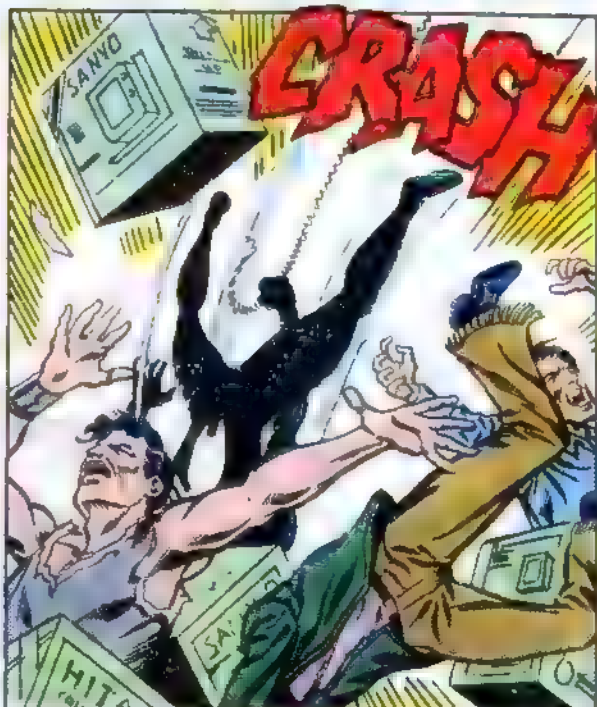
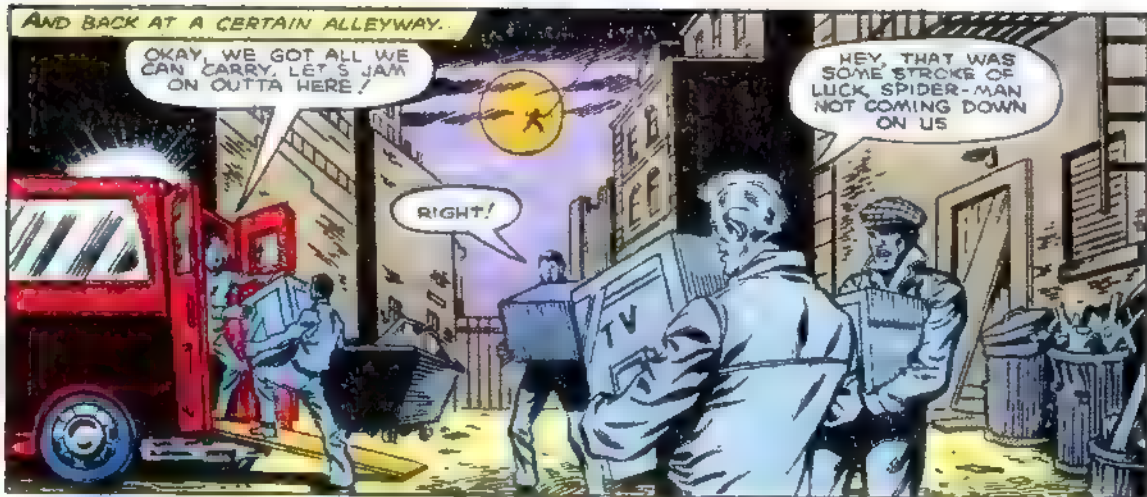
AWRIGHT...LOAD 'ER UP! >WHEW!<

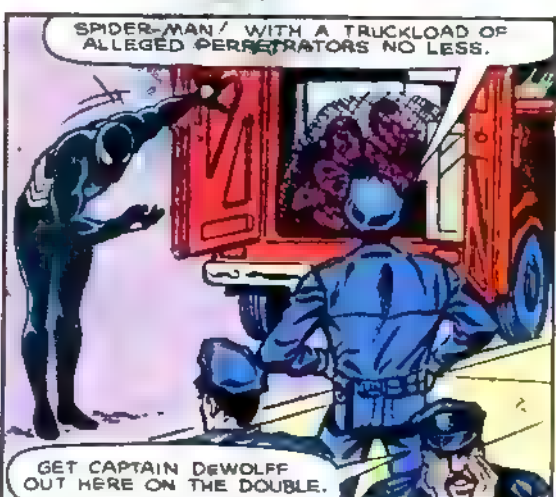
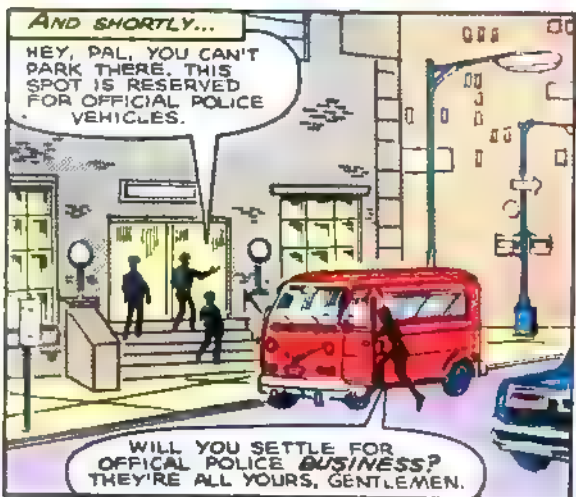
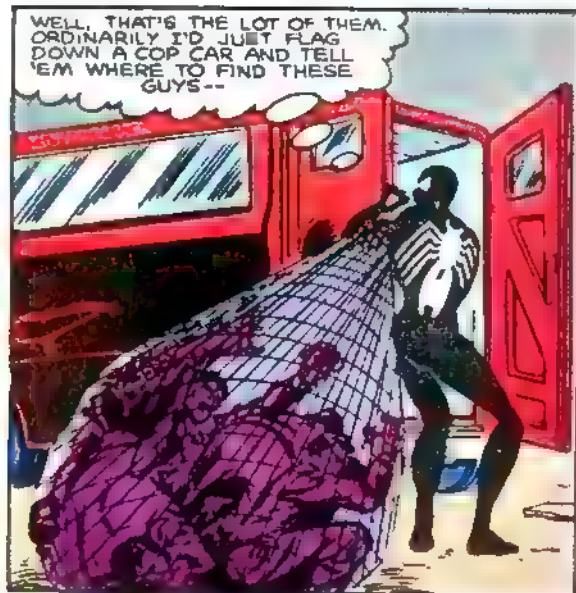
YEAH I'VE GOTTA GIVE OLD FLASH A CALL, SEE WHAT HE'S TRYING TO TELL ME. THE OTHER DAY WHEN FELICIA'S UNCLE WAS YAL AT PETER PARKER'S WIND, I FORCED ME TO GET HIM OUT OF THERE.

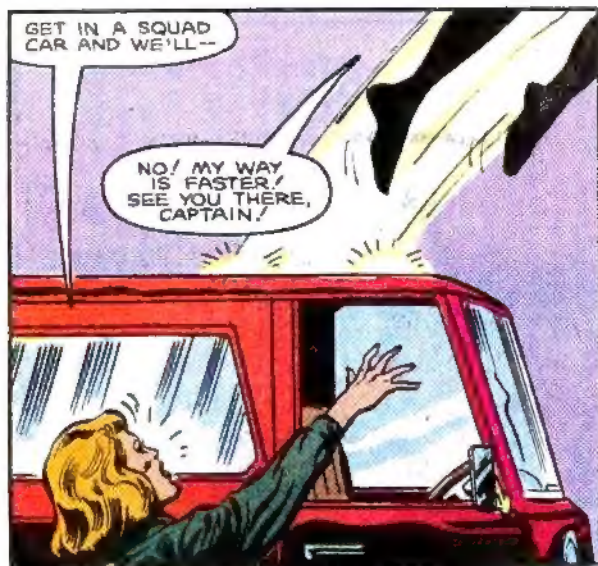
IT'S GETTING CLOSE TO DAWN--MAYBE I'LL CALL HIM THIS MORNING, SEE WHAT HE'S UP TO...

SWING









GET IN A SQUAD CAR AND WE'LL--

NO! MY WAY IS FASTER! SEE YOU THERE, CAPTAIN!



BLAST! I LEAVE THAT GIRL FOR TWO HOURS AND SHE'S ALREADY IN TROUBLE! I WAS RIGHT ABOUT NOT WANTING HER TO GET MIXED UP IN MY CRIME-FIGHTING CAREER, TO MAKE MY ENEMIES HERS. I--

AH, BE FAIR, PARKER. YOU'RE JUST UPSET BECAUSE SHE'S IN TROUBLE! SHE'S BEEN DOING JUST FINE-- MAYBE BETTER THAN I HAVE. CLUMSY AS I'VE BEEN LATELY.



WAIT, THERE SHE IS--!

AND THE ONE HOLDING HER IS--



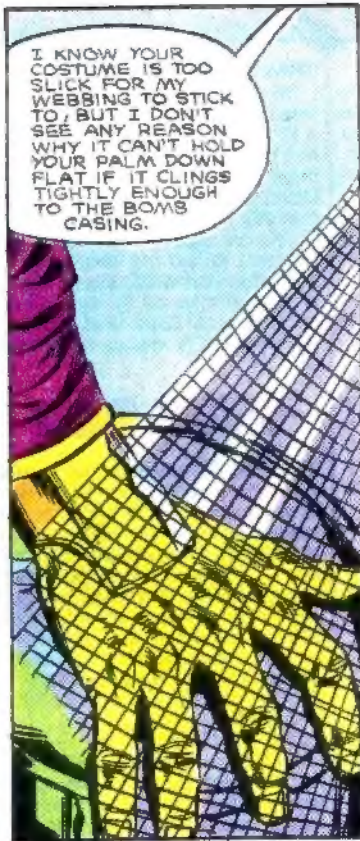
-- THE ANSWER!

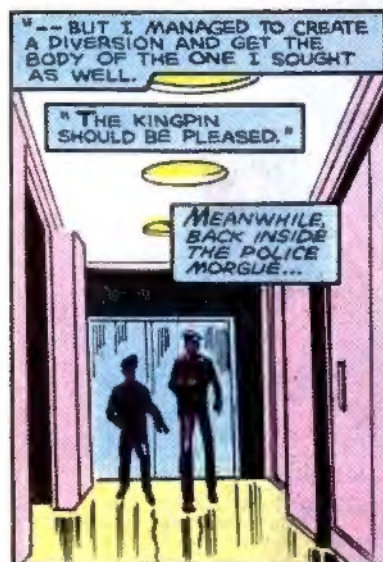
THE BUILDING'S BEEN EVACUATED-- DON'T DO ANYTHING YOU'LL REGRET! WE'LL STAY COOL IF YOU WILL!



FINE! JUST REMEMBER THAT I'VE GOT THE GIRL FOR A SHIELD, AND IF ANYTHING DOES HAPPEN TO ME... IF I'M FORCED TO LIFT MY HAND OFF THIS DETONATOR FOR ANY REASON--

-- THE 5-SECOND DELAY FUSE WILL BLOW, AND TAKE NOT ONLY ME AND THE GIRL, BUT THE WHOLE BUILDING AS WELL.







NEXT: **CLOAK & DAGGER** --AND THE MYSTERY CORPSE!